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For: INTERVERTEBRAL SPACER DEVICE  
UTILIZING A SPIRALLY SLOTTED  
BELLEVILLE WASHER HAVING  
RADIALLY SPACED CONCENTRIC  
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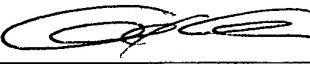
Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two (2) replacement sheets of formal drawings for filing in connection with the above-identified patent application. The formal drawings are submitted in order to correct the informalities listed in form PTO-948.

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